

Senate Bill 294

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Miles of the 43rd and Heath of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-6-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 county and municipal regulation of timber harvesting, so as to provide for additional  
3 limitations regarding tree ordinances; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-6-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and  
8 municipal regulation of timber harvesting, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection  
9 (c) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

10 "(3) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not preclude  
11 counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions from enacting and enforcing tree  
12 ordinances, landscape ordinances, or streamside buffer ordinances; provided, however,  
13 that such ordinances shall not apply to:

14 (A) Timber ~~timber~~ harvesting as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of this  
15 subsection or in unzoned tracts as described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of  
16 this subsection; or

17 (B) The trimming or cutting of any tree or trees located upon the residential property  
18 of a homeowner when such trimming or cutting is done by or at the direction of such  
19 homeowner."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
22 without such approval.

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- SECTION 3.
- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.